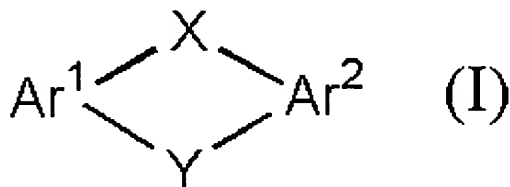


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A polybutadiene composition comprising a ~~polybutadiene-type~~ polymer having a butadiene unit as a polymerization unit and a compound represented by the following formula (I):



wherein Ar¹ and Ar² each independently represent an a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic ring, X and Y each independently represent an alkylene group having one or two carbon atoms, or an oxygen atom ~~or a carbonyl group~~.

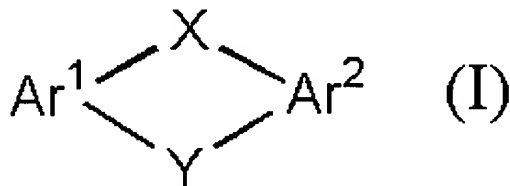
2. (Currently Amended) The polybutadiene composition according to claim 1 wherein the ~~polybutadiene-type~~ polymer having a butadiene unit as a polymerization unit is a polymer selected from polybutadiene, styrene-butadiene copolymers, acrylonitrile-butadiene copolymers, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene copolymers, styrene-butadiene block copolymers and impact resistant polystyrenes.

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Cancelled)

ab 5. (Original) The polybutadiene composition according to claim 1 wherein content of the compound represented by the formula (I) is 0.01 part by weight or more based on 100 parts by weight of the polybutadiene composition.

6. (Currently Amended) A stabilizer for a ~~polybutadiene-type~~ polymer having a butadiene unit as a polymerization unit which comprises a compound represented by the following formula (I):



wherein Ar¹ and Ar² each independently represent ~~an~~ a substituted or unsubstituted aromatic ring, X and Y each independently represent an alkylene group having one or two carbon atoms, or an oxygen atom ~~or a carbonyl group~~.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) A polybutadiene composition according to claim 1, wherein Ar¹ and Ar² each independently represent an aromatic ring or an aromatic ring substituted with at least one substituent group selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, acyloxy, hydroxy, halogen, sulfonyl, and carbonyl groups.

10. (New) A stabilizer according to claim 6, wherein Ar¹ and Ar² each independently represent an aromatic ring substituted with at least one substituent group selected from the group consisting of alkyl, cycloalkyl, aryl, aralkyl, alkoxy, acyloxy, hydroxy, halogen, sulfonyl, and carbonyl groups.